

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-23 and 25-33 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 16-18, 32 and 33 are amended and claims 6 and 24 are canceled. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution by incorporation of features of canceled claims 6 and 24 into the independent claims; and (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection and discussed during a December 5 personal interview. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Termanini at the interview held December 5, 2008, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over "Zoomable user interfaces as a medium for slide show presentations" by Good et al. (hereinafter "Good"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, analyzing the levels of the hierarchy and automatically laying out the presentation information in the zoomable space in a format including at least one of an outline format and a nested rectangular grouping, based on the levels of the hierarchy when the hierarchy is provided or in real time as the hierarchy is being provided.

This feature is shown in Figs. 4 and 5 and described in the specification at paragraph [0028], for example, and was originally part of canceled claims 6 and 24.

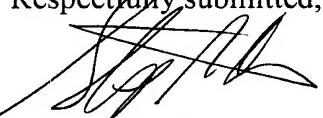
As discussed and generally agreed upon during the December 5, 2008 personal interview, Good does not disclose this feature. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over Good.

Claims 16-18, 32 and 33 recite methods and systems with features similar to that of claim 1, including a layout in a format including at least one of an outline format and a nested rectangular grouping. Therefore, claims 16-18, 32 and 33 are also allowable over Good.

Dependent claims 2, 3, 5-15, 19-23 and 25-31 are allowable at least for their dependence on allowable claims 1 and 18, respectively, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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